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SUBJECT: TEA PROJECT: CONVERSATION WITH RIBANJE

FROM AMB CRIGLER

1. RIBANJE OF OCIR/T TRAVELED KIGALI - NAIROBI
ON SAME PLANE AS AMBASSADOR CRIGLER OCT. 7
(RIBANJE WAS EN ROUTE FAO MEETING ROME).
CRIGLER HAD NOTED RIBANJE IN SERIOUS HUDDLE
AT KIGALI AIRPORT WITH BNR GOVERNOR BIRARA, WHO
RETURNED SAME DAY FROM IDB/IBRD METINGS IN WASHINGTON.

2. RIBANJE TOLD CRIGLER PROBLEM OVER SIRT
MARKETING AGREEMENT WAS MINOR MATTER WHICH
HAD BEEN "BLOWN UP OUT OF PROPORTION" BY
ARCHER. OCIR, HE EXPLAINED, HAD STORAGE
CAPACITY FOR ONLY 200 TONS TEA BUT CURRENTLY
HAD 350 TONS AWAITING SALE. MOREOVER,
OCIR URGENTLY NEEDED REVENUES FROM
SALE OF TEA, AS OPERATING FUNDS RUNNING LOW.
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RIBANJE SENT LETTER TO ARCHER, THEREFORE,
IN ATTEMPT TO SPEED UP MARKETING -- "EITHER
YOU SELL TEA OR OCIR WILL, BUT IT MUST BE
MOVED."

3. RIBANJE SAID ARCHER OVER-REACTED, REPORTED
TO WERTHEIM, AND WERTHEIM CONTACTED BIRARA

WHO SENT BACK "VERY STRONG MESSAGE". BUT IT
WAS NEVER RIBANJE'S INTENTION TO CANCEL
MARKETING AGREEMENT, ONLY TO SPEED UP MARKETING,
AND AGREEMENT STILL OPERATIVE, SAID RIBANJE.

4. COMMENT: RIBANJE WAS DOWNRIGHT APOLOGETIC
ABOUT SUPPOSED "MISUNDERSTANDING". IT WAS
OBVIOUS BIRARA HAD GIVEN HIM A LOT OF HEAT,
BOTH BY CABLE AND AT AIRPORT. WHETHER MARKETING
AGREEMENT IS REALLY OPERATIVE AGAIN, HOWEVER,
IS ANOTHER MATTER: RIBANJE WILL BE GONE
TWO WEEKS FROM RWANDA, AND UNLESS HIS
MISCHIEF WAS EXPLICITLY UNDONE BEFORE HE
LEFT, SIRT MAY YET HAVE TROUBLE GETTING
OPERATION BACK ON TRACK.

5. FOR CHARGE KIGALI: THIS MAY BE GOOD MOMENT FOR YOU
TO MAKE COURTESY CALL ON BIRARA.

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